Mission Statement: We partner with parents providing a Catholic school rooted in the gospel teachings of Jesus Christ, modeled by Mary our mother, encouraging a virtuous life following the Catholic faith and pursuing academic excellence.

MARIAN MESSENGER

October 17, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

| Friday, October 18, 2019 | ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4  
❖ 8th grade Retreat  
❖ Special Chili Lunch; preordered |
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<td>Saturday, October 19, 2019</td>
<td>❖ 10:00 Cross Country Meet at Huron Meadows</td>
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<td>Sunday, October 20, 2019</td>
<td>❖ 11:30 School Mass; please arrive at 11:10 unless singing then earlier</td>
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| Monday, October 21, 2019 | ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 2  
❖ Dress Down Day; $1.00  
❖ Picture Re-Take Day  
❖ 3:15-5:00 Wildbot Robotics  
❖ 3:15-4:15 **Homework Help** |
| Tuesday, October 22, 2019 | ❖ Spirit Wear Day  
❖ 7:30 Band 5th grade  
❖ 7th Grade to Lansing for Vocation Mass/Presentation  
❖ 4:30 Girls’ Volleyball home against Emerson |
| Wednesday, October 23, 2019 | ❖ 8:30 Elementary Mass; gr. 5  
❖ 3:15-5:00 Wildbot Robotics |
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<td>Girls’ Volleyball at SSA AA</td>
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<td>Parenting Class: Setting the Stage Promoting Social and Emotional Health</td>
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<td>Chess Club</td>
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<td>Girls’ Volleyball game home against the parents!</td>
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<td>Jumpin’ All Star Assembly</td>
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<td>End of First Marking Period</td>
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<td>½ Day of school; Dismissal at 12:00</td>
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<td>No Children’s Choir today</td>
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**Lunch Information**

**Grades 6-8 Lunch 11:30-12:00**

**Grades K-5 Lunch 12:05-12:45**

*Please provide your students with everything they need to eat their lunch; plate, eating utensil, napkin, drink, condiments*

**Principal Notes**

**Sunday, October 20th:** The school will be taking on the 11:30 Sunday Mass on Sunday, October 20. We will practice on the Thursday and Friday before so students know what to do. Students will need to be at church at 11:10 that morning. If you child is reading, please remember to practice with them. We will be having representation from grades K, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 4th, 7th, and 8th. Thank you for your commitment to this time.
Today the Dome arrived: We partnered with Excel Edu out of Grand Rapids today to bring in an inflatable planetarium dome providing students with an outer space experience using STEM education. The 50-year old entertainment company purchased the dome from NASA to expand their offerings with what they call “edu-tainment” programming. The goal of edu-tainment is to use innovative, fun technology to engage students in hands-on STEM exercises. This was just the gym fun; ask your child what they did outside!
**Harvest Parties:** Our school will celebrating the harvest season with a Harvest Party on Friday, November 1st beginning at 11:00. Students may dress in an appropriate costume for school. More direction will come from classroom teachers. This is a half day of school with students getting picked up.

**Month of October:** The month of October is the month of the Rosary. We will be saying a decade of the rosary each week during this month. If your child has a rosary, please send it with them for the month. If they already know how to use a rosary, great. If not, we will be happy to teach them. After all, that is what we do! 😊

**Parenting Class: Setting the Stage: Promoting Social-Emotional Health in Young Children.** Social and emotional development, a critical aspect of overall brain development, begins at birth. Social-emotional skills are nurtured through daily routine, language and play. They are the foundation of social competence that affect a child’s ability to adapt in school and to form successful relationships throughout life. This workshop on social and emotional health provides parents with tips and tools for helping their children develop skills in these critical areas. This class will take place on **Wednesday, October 23 from 6:30-8:00. This is a FREE class, but it will be greatly appreciated if you could call ahead so that materials can be printed and ready to go before hand.** This class is open to all families of the school and parish. Feel free to invite your friends. We all need as many tools as we can get in our toolbox! (Unfortunately, I do not have the man-power to provide child care during this time.)

**Water Filling Station:** Update: **It’s on the way!** Thank you to all who helped to make this possible for our school!

**Auction News:**
Wanted: 1950's Apparel!!

It’s time to kick-off the St. Mary 2020 Auction, and we need your help! Our teachers are planning a special Harvest Day surprise to help get us in the mood to "cut a rug" at this year’s "Fabulous 50s” auction.

We are asking for either donated 1950s apparel or anything you can loan us to help our teachers dress the part on Harvest Day and surprise our students with their best 1950s get-ups.

Please drop off 1950s costume donations or 1950s apparel "on-loan" in the office by Friday October 25th. (Please have a name on it so we know who to give things back to! 😊)

We will take lots of pictures so you can check out our awesome 1950s Greasers, Socs, and Sock Hoppers….Can you dig it?!

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

COMPUTER CLASS

I hope the new school year is off and running well for you and your family! All grades from 3rd through 8th have www.typing.com usernames and passwords (Google Accounts) to practice typing skills. Please allow your child or children to work on typing at home. Normally the classes start up with 5 to 10 minutes of keyboarding, but this is not enough time to gain the proper skills and speed in which they will need as they eventually enter high school. Also,
as I recognize students need a change of pace, students are also encouraged to find a typing game to break up the monotony of our normal typing program while they practice at home.

Students in 3rd through 8th have been focusing on getting back to basics... getting into Google Accounts and using the different apps (Docs, Slides) within G Suite. We continue to be diligent about learning about online safety as well as cyberbullying. Soon students will be exploring coding using different activities geared to each grade level. For the younger grades we will continue to work on different projects that surround basic computer skills and safety within the classroom and online. We use a variety of websites and programs that focus on keyboarding, mouse skills, and learning that computers can be fun too! Enjoy the fall colors and weather!

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ART CLASS

The St. Mary artists have been hard at work in the art room. In the month of September all classes began with a color theory lesson. Throughout the year the students will be introduced to the seven elements of art—color, line, texture, value, space, form, and shape. The students will also be introduced to various artists and cultures throughout the year.

Currently, the Kindergarten class is finishing a scarecrow scene. The first graders were introduced to the artist Vincent Van Gogh and his painting "Sunflowers". They drew their own flower vase and sunflowers. They used oil pastels and watercolor paint. The second grade will be making 3D polka dot pumpkins based off the artist Yayoi Kusama. The third grade will be working on a Pablo Picasso Frankenstein. The fourth grade is working on a foreshortening person drawing. The fifth graders are finishing their version of "The Scream" based off the artist Edvard Munch. The sixth and seventh grade have begun a one point perspective drawing. The eighth graders are working on paper mache masks.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

K-3rd

We just got done working on our kicking skills and we established a baseline for our basic locomotor skills (skip, hop, leap, jump, run and walk). We have now started a unit on Throwing and catching where the students will be learning the T-throw and how to throw an accurate pass.

4-8th

We have just finished our soccer unit where the students learned the basics of soccer. Throughout this unit they also did a pre-test on their fitness (push-ups, sit-ups, v-sit and reach). Our focus during for our fitness until Thanksgiving is working on our cardio endurance. Each class will do an endurance run the last class before Thanksgiving called the “Turkey Trot”. Our unit focus now is throwing and catching where the students will be playing team sports such as Football and Ultimate Frisbee.

FYI
**Virtue of the Week**

**OBEDIENCE meaning:** Assenting to rightful authority without hesitation or resistance

**LOOKS LIKE:** Performing your duties faithfully and thoroughly, Doing your homework, The Blessed Mother saying ‘yes’ to God, Bringing your folder to school each day, Doing your chores at home when asked

**SOUNDS LIKE:** I finished what I was asked to do. I did my homework. Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word. I will bring my folder to school. I did my chores.

*LUKE 2:51–52*

And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

**Project Healthy Schools:** Nuts have a wide variety of health benefits, and recent studies have been uncovering more and more of them. From staving off heart disease to improving men’s sexual function, Medical News Today has reported on many of the studies that have hailed nuts’ protective effects. For instance, a daily intake of nuts may also reduce the risk of other illnesses, such as diabetes and cancer, and slash the risk of mortality from any cause.

**Dress Down Day –** Monday, October 21. The Middle School is sponsoring a dress down day to help defray the costs of end of year activities. Any student who wishes to participate should bring in $1 and give it to their homeroom teacher. Thank you for your participation in this dress down day, as well as our other ones throughout the school year.
### ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS

**Enrollment Week of Oct. 14-18, 2019**

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Total Children: 137
- Male: 67
- Female: 70
Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.


In this reading from the book of Exodus the Israelites win a battle, not through their own military strength, but with the help of God. The fascinating thing about Israel’s victory is how they obtain divine help. Moses is persistent in prayer on behalf of the Israelites and with the help of his assistants, his prayer is answered and Israel is delivered.

In the Old Testament passage Moses acts as a mediator between the people of Israel and God. Moses raises his staff, which represents the protection of Yahweh for the people of Israel. When the staff is raised the Israelites prevail. And when Moses becomes weary from raising his arms, his assistants come to his aid. Finally Moses’ prayer is answered and the Israelites win the battle.

In the Gospel Jesus helps his followers understand God’s willingness to hear and respond to prayers of petition. Jesus tells a parable about a widow and an unjust judge. At the time when this Gospel was written, widows were treated unfairly and were severely disadvantaged. The widow in this story uses her voice and her persistence to cry out for justice. She continually comes before the judge asking for fairness. The widow wears down the unjust judge and to keep her from bothering him, he grants her justice.

Jesus challenges his listeners to examine their hearts to see how insistent they are in calling upon God, who is a just judge. The point that Jesus makes in this parable is that if the unjust judge is willing to grant the widow’s request, how much more willing is God to answer our prayers.

• How are you like the widow in the story?
• How is God like the judge in the story?
• How is God different from the judge in the story?
• Do you try not to give up when you ask God for something in prayer?

Petition and Intercession in Prayer
Prayers of petition and prayers of intercession are two basic forms of prayer taught in our Catholic Tradition. Prayers of petition ask God for something for oneself and intercessory prayers ask God for something for another.

As human beings we understand our limitations and sinfulness. We need to rely on the love and goodness that only God can provide. Catholics understand that asking forgiveness for our sins is the first priority in petitioning God in prayer. When we ask for forgiveness we recognize our need for God and God responds with mercy and love.

Intercessory prayer is a special sort of petition. When we petition God on behalf of others we pray as Jesus did. Jesus is the mediator who intercedes for us before God.

Asking God for something in prayer is an act of faith. The scriptures make it clear that God is willing to hear and answer our prayers.

**The Gospel in Life**

Think of one thing that you would like to ask God for on behalf of someone else this week and pray a prayer of intercession.
St. Mary Parish
Men’s Club Presents

Euchre

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Registration begins at 6:00pm
$10 per person
Fee covers food and beverages
Players must be least 18 year of age

Play starts at 7:00pm
Top Prize $100

St Mary Catholic Parish - 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd - 734-878-3161
St. Mary Parish
Men’s Club Presents
COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST
Special Guests
Pinckney High School Varsity Pom Team
Sunday
November 3, 2019
Serving 8:30am to 11:00am
FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds to be used for St Mary Gym Repairs

AREA’S BEST MENU!
Eggs - Scrambled or Fried
Hash Brown Potatoes
Homemade Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
Quiche Ham/Sausage
Pancakes
French Toast, Raisin French Toast
Ham, Pork Sausage Links
Toast-Regular & Raisin
Coffee, Tea, Milk, & Orange Juice
Waffle Station!

NEW Breakfast Burrito!

Multiple Drawing Raffle
1st Prize Half the Pot
2nd Prize Certificate to Marco’s Pizza

St Mary Catholic Parish - 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd - 734-878-3151